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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Cheryl A. LaFleur, Chairman;
Philip D. Moeller, Tony Clark,
and Norman C. Bay.

Bison Pipeline LLC

Docket No. CP09-161-000

ORDER VACATING IN PART AND AMENDING CERTIFICATE

(Issued December 18, 2014)

1. On April 9, 2010, the Commission issued Bison Pipeline LLC (Bison) a certificate of public convenience and necessity under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct and operate the 302-mile-long Bison Pipeline to transport natural gas from the Dead Horse region near Gillette, Wyoming to an interconnection with Northern Border Pipeline Company in Morton County, North Dakota.¹
2. On August 12, 2010, Bison filed an application for amendment of its certificate to authorize construction of its project in two phases. Phase 1 would include 302 miles of pipeline with a capacity of 407 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/d). Phase 2 would consist of the Hettinger Compressor Station to create an additional 70 MMcf/d of capacity. On September 15, 2010, the Commission issued an Order Amending Certificate granting Bison's request.²
3. On February 26, 2014, Bison filed a request to vacate its Phase 2 certificate authority for construction of the Hettinger Compressor Station. Bison states that demand for the additional capacity that would be created by the compression facilities has not materialized and is not expected to do so in the foreseeable future. Therefore, the

¹ *Bison Pipeline LLC*, 131 FERC ¶ 61,013 (2010) (April 2010 Certificate Order), *order on reh'g*, 132 FERC ¶ 61,231(2010).

² *Bison Pipeline LLC*, 132 FERC ¶ 62,163 (2010) (September 2010 Order). Bison was subsequently granted a two-year extension, from April 9, 2012 to April 9, 2014, to complete construction, including Phase 2. *See* April 2, 2012 Letter Order in Docket Nos. CP09-161-000 and CP09-161-002. On January 10, 2013, Bison filed a report in Docket No. CP09-161-000 on the completion of Phase 1 construction.

Commission will vacate Bison's certificate authority for construction and operation of the Hettinger Compression Station and amend Bison's certificate to authorize a capacity of 407 MMcf/d, the current capacity of Bison's pipeline system.

The Commission orders:

(A) Bison's certificate authority for construction and operation of the Hettinger Compression Station is vacated.

(B) The amended certificated capacity of the Bison Pipeline is 407 MMcf/d.

By the Commission.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.